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Interviews: 405 adults, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
810, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1998

***The margin of error for  
405 interviews is ±5%***

Male 48  
Female 52

[5]

***The margin of error for  
810 interviews is ±3.5%***

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1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

1/98								High	Low		
		27 <sup>th</sup>	17th-19 <sup>th</sup>	12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	6/97	2/91+	7/92+	[66]
Right direction.....		67	47	48	44	48	44	43	65	14	
Wrong track.....		24	34	35	39	36	40	40	22	71	
Mixed (VOL) <sup>1</sup> .....		NA	16	13	14	12	12	14	9	9	
Not sure.....		9	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	6	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

<sup>1</sup>On January 27<sup>th</sup>, the volunteered response "mixed" was treated as "not sure".

2. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

1/98										High	Low		
	27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	9/97	6/93	[20]
Approve.....	68	66	63	61	61	62	59	57	62	56	62	41	
Disapprove.....	24	27	30	31	32	30	33	34	29	36	29	50	
Not sure.....	8	7	7	8	7	8	8	9	9	8	9	9	

3a. Did you watch tonight's State of the Union Address by President Clinton?

1/98				
		27 <sup>th</sup>		
Yes, did watch.....	64		CONTINUE	[67]
No, did not watch.....	35		SKIP TO Q.4	
Not sure.....	1			

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY WATCHED THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS IN Q.3a.)

3b. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the policies that President Clinton addressed in tonight's State of the Union speech?

	1/98
Approve.....	77
Disapprove.....	12
Not sure.....	11

4. As you may know, there are allegations that President Clinton had an affair with a 21-year-old White House intern. Do you think that these allegations about President Clinton are true, or not?

	1/98					[22]
	27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Yes, allegations are true.....	37	38	39	47	45	38
No, allegations are not true.....	30	28	27	24	25	28
Not sure.....	33	34	34	29	30	34

5. There are also allegations that President Clinton lied about his alleged affair with the woman while he testified under oath in the Paula Jones trial. Do you think that these allegations about President Clinton are true, or not?

	1/98		[69]
	27 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Yes, allegations are true.....	35	44	[69]
No, allegations are not true.....	32	25	
Not sure.....	33	31	

6. From what President Clinton has said publicly so far about the recent allegations against him, do you think that he has been candid and open, or has he been guarded and less than honest?

	1/98			[63]
	27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	
Candid and open.....	33	30	28	19
Guarded/less than honest.....	53	54	55	69
Not sure.....	14	16	17	12

7a. White House officials say that the allegations against President Clinton are nothing more than politically motivated attacks by his enemies and we should move on to more important issues. Others say that these allegations are the result of President Clinton's own actions and are serious enough that they should be fully investigated. Which position do you agree with more?

	1/98		[70]
	27 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Politically motivated attacks.....	46	41	[70]
Result of President Clinton's own actions.....			
Not sure.....	13		

7b. Based on what you know about the matter, which of the following best describes what you think will happen?

- (A) President Clinton will be forced to resign.
- (B) There will be an ongoing investigation that will result in people other than the President facing legal action.
- (C) There will be inconclusive proof and the matter will fade away.
- (D) None of the allegations will turn out to be true, and the matter will end.

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	27 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
President Clinton will be forced to resign.....	10	10
There will be an ongoing investigation.....	29	37
There will be inconclusive proof.....	34	39
None of allegations true.....	17	9
Not sure.....	10	5

**FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.**

**Q.F1-F4 REFLECT DATA FOR 405 ADULTS**

F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	11	<b>[28]</b>
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	9	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	7	
55-59.....	9	
60-64.....	6	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	1	

F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

**(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

**(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	26	<b>[29]</b>
Not very strong Democrat.....	8	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	5	
Strictly independent.....	21	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	<b>[30]</b>
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	

Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	13
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	15
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	11
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	13
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	7
More than \$100,000.....	7
Not sure/refused.....	23

F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

(IF NO:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[31]
White.....	78	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	